

areas described. It is hoped that many of the unprotected significant sites will be protected by acquisition or other means within the coming years. Even if these significant areas are not protected, it is at least hoped that development will be avoided in these natural areas.

Readers should be aware that this is, by no means, a complete inventory. Coverage of such a large area (17 counties) is extremely difficult especially when some sites cannot be surveyed by foot but must instead be visited by boat or plane. The authors believe that the majority of the national and state significant sites in the A/P III study area have been included in this report. However, more field work would certainly uncover currently unknown significant natural areas with rare and endangered species. Additional field work in known sites may identify new features and change our understanding of the significance of those sites.